# **FACT SHEET**



# **SMaRT STATION®**

Name

SMaRT is an acronym for **S**unnyvale **Ma**terials **R**ecovery and **T**ransfer. "SMaRT<sup>®</sup>" and "SMaRT Station<sup>®</sup>" are registered service marks owned by the City of Sunnyvale. SMaRT Station is a partnership between the cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale.

Whom it Serves

SMaRT Station serves 265,000 residents of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale and the businesses located in those cities.

Size

113,000 square feet on 10 acres

**Operation** 

SMaRT Station is operated by GreenTeam/Zanker under a seven-year contract through the end of 2007. Previous operators include Western Waste Industries, USA Waste and Waste Management Inc. The City of Sunnyvale serves as the lead agency in managing the operations contract and the related landfill disposal contracts.

**Primary Functions** 

- Serve as transfer station between garbage collected in the three cities and the landfill
- Pull recyclable materials out of garbage
- Process and ship yard trimmings for composting
- Prepare recyclable materials collected at curbside for market
- Provide recycling center services to the public

Capacity

SMaRT Station can process 1,500 tons of solid waste per day and recycle about one-third of this material through a variety of techniques. More than 100 employees work at SMaRT Station. On a typical weekday, 10 transfer trucks take four loads each of solid waste from the SMaRT Station to Kirby Canyon Landfill in southern San Jose.

- Drop off of trash or bulky items for a fee
- Drop off of paper, glass, plastic and metal items for recycling
- Redemption payments for beverage bottles and cans
- Free quantities of compost or mulch (residents of Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Palo Alto and Los Altos only)

#### **Services to Public**

- Drop off of items considered to be hazardous or requiring special handling such as used motor oil and oil filters, antifreeze, automotive batteries, batteries, and fluorescent light bulbs (residents of Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Palo Alto only)
- Drop off of needles and lancets (no residency requirement)

#### **Initial Cost**

About \$25 million was invested by the three cities (Mountain View, Palo Alto, Sunnyvale) in the development and construction of the SMaRT Station.

### **Unique Features**

Leading edge use of technology for recovery of recyclables

## **Hours of Operation**

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week. Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day.